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### Coastal Forestlands Project

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I understand the Coastal Conservancy Board will soon consider a grant to the Conservation Fund to acquire approximately 23,780 acres of forestland within the Garcia River watershed. I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for this important project.

As you know, the coastal forests of Mendocino County are an extraordinarily important resource for California. Their natural grandeur, biological richness and economic significance cannot be overstated. Yet these forests are threatened by fragmentation from incompatible rural development. As a consequence, fisheries, wildlife habitat, jobs and recreational opportunities are all at risk. This acquisition will allow for sustained- yield timber production on a private, not-for profit basis.

The Conservation Fund proposal to acquire this Garcia River parcel, establishes a balance of preservation and renewable forestry practices as an innovative approach to striking a balance among competing demands on our forests. I urge the Coastal Conservancy Board move approval and give this project the vote of confidence and funding it deserves.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress

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December 1, 2003

Mr. Paul Morabito  
Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Coastal Forestlands Project

Dear Chairman Morabito,


I am writing on behalf of the Redwood Forest Foundation, a 501 © 3 non-profit dedicated to establishing community-based forests that provide both critical habitat for increased biodiversity and improved regional economic vitality.

I understand that the Coastal Conservancy Board next week will consider a grant to the Conservation Fund to acquire approximately 23,780 acres of forestland within the Garcia River watershed. I am writing to express my support for this project.

Conserving this parcel is an important step in protecting the bio-diversity of the coastal Redwood forests of Mendocino County, which are threatened by fragmentation from incompatible rural development. As a consequence, fisheries, wildlife habitat, jobs and recreational opportunities all are at risk.

The proposal to acquire the Garcia River forest, and to establish a balance of preserved lands and sustainable forestry presents an innovative approach to striking a balance among these competing demands on our forests, and to ensuring that their many public benefits will be enjoyed for years to come. I hope the Coastal Conservancy Board will move approval and give this project the vote of confidence it deserves.

Sincerely,

  
Art Harwood  
President

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December 2, 2003

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### Support for Coastal Forest Lands Garcia Tract Acquisition

Dear Sam:

I am writing in support of the proposed grant for the acquisition of the approximately 24,000 acre Coastal Forest Lands Garcia Tract to be considered by the Coastal Conservancy at its meeting scheduled for December. This project will maintain the landscape integrity of a vast area within the Garcia River watershed, provide opportunities to restore watershed conditions for a number of terrestrial and aquatic species, and provide opportunities to develop a model compatible working forest.

The acquisition of the Garcia Tract and management by conservation nonprofit partners will ensure landscape connectivity important to the maintenance of wildlife corridors for a variety of wildlife species and for protection of significant forest and oak woodlands. The acquisition will also allow the nonprofit conservation partners to implement management actions to enhance water quality and stream conditions in the headwaters of the Garcia River and in Signal and Inman Creeks which contain some of the most important coho salmon and steelhead habitat within the southern part of the coho range.

The Nature Conservancy's North Coast Ecoregional Plan identifies the areas within which the property lies as an ecoregional priority for its oak woodlands, coniferous forests, anadromous fish, and spotted owls.

I hope the Board will approve your staff's recommendation. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important project.

Sincerely,

Wendy Miller  
Director, North Coast Ecoregion  
The Nature Conservancy



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California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Subject: Coastal Forestlands Project

Dear Chairman Morabito,

The Mendocino Coast Audubon Society understands that the Coastal Conservancy Board next week will consider a grant to the Conservation Fund to acquire approximately 23,780 acres of forest land within the Garcia River watershed. We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for this important project.

As you know, the coastal forests of Mendocino County are an extraordinarily important resource for California. Their natural grandeur, biological richness, and economic significance cannot be overstated. Yet these forests are threatened by fragmentation from incompatible rural development. As a consequence, fisheries, wildlife habitat, jobs and recreational opportunities all are at risk.

The proposal to acquire the Garcia River forest, and to establish a balance of preserved lands and sustainable forestry, presents an innovative approach to striking a balance among these competing demands on our forests, and to ensuring that their many public benefits will be enjoyed for years to come. This project is a logical extension of our joint efforts to preserve the Garcia River estuary with the acquisition of the Stornetta property. We hope that the Coastal Conservancy Board will move approval and give this project the vote of confidence it deserves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Warren F. Wade", is written over a horizontal line.

Warren F. Wade, President

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Chet Anderson

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December 1, 2003

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Sincerely,

*Chet Anderson*  
Chet Anderson  
President

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December 2, 2003

Mr. Paul Morabito  
Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Morabito,

I am a consulting fisheries biologist with a specialty in salmon and steelhead restoration. I writing to you concerning the potential acquisition of forest land in the Garcia River basin, which I understand the Coastal Conservancy will partially fund. I would heartily recommend positive consideration for this acquisition and I will provide some reasons below.

I am very familiar with the Garcia River watershed, having it studied it thoroughly as a field biologist, and as the lead researcher on a comprehensive information system developed for the basin called KRIS Garcia. I helped write the fisheries elements of the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District's *Garcia River Watershed Enhancement Plan*, which was published in 1992. Even at that time, the mainstem Garcia River was dominated by salmonids and pools and cold water to support them. Cross section data and more recent fish surveys indicate that the lower mainstem Garcia is improving further with regard to its depth and carrying capacity for salmonids.

Water temperature data from the mainstem indicate that it is still too warm to support coho, although lower reaches are declining towards suitable. While lower mainstem riparian conditions have improved because of restoration projects by dairy farmers, upper tributary riparian zones have sometimes been the site of active logging.

With acquisition of private timberland in the Inman and Signal Creek watersheds, more control over the future management of riparian areas will be attained. The middle and upper Garcia River were once suitable for coho salmon, and if Inman and Signal Creeks cool, they may help improve suitability for steelhead in upper reaches and help lower reaches drop back into coho salmon rearing range.

The wave of logging in the 1980's and early 1990's caused a sediment pulse which has almost completely passed through the lower river. If upland timber harvest rotations



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12-20-1995 11:23PM FROM PATRICK HIGGINS 707 822 5702

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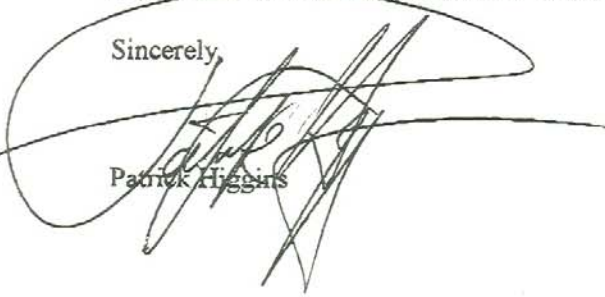
allow watershed rest and reduce harvest rates to 1% of inventory, the Garcia River can continue to full recovery and maintain productivity as a timber producing watershed.

I would favor management as a sustainable forest, similar to the Parker Ranch on the North Fork Ten Mile River. Thinning from below using skyline cable selection can increase forest growth and health. Tree diameters can be increased more quickly with selective and careful harvest, there is less build up of fuels and fire risk and management can pay for itself.

In addition to projects on the Garcia, I have also help conduct comprehensive information system projects for other North Coast basins including the Ten Mile, Noyo, Mattole, Gualala, Navarro, Klamath, Trinity and Big River basins. The Garcia ranks near the top in terms of health of all northwestern California coastal rivers. Consequently, investing in the Garcia River follows the "best science" approach to restoration as advanced in the *Handbook for Prioritizing Watershed Protection and Restoration to Aid Recovery of Native Salmon*, the definitive work from Oregon conservation biologists who assembled the report under the direction Senator Bill Bradbury.

I hope that the Coastal Conservancy will help advance the acquisition of approximately 23,780 acres forest land in the Garcia River.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick Higgins

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December 1, 2003

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California Coastal Conservancy  
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Subject: Coastal Forestlands Project

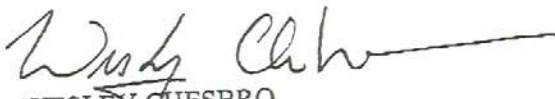
Dear Chair Morabito:

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As you know, the coastal forests of Mendocino County are an extraordinarily important resource for California. Their natural grandeur, biological richness and economic significance cannot be overstated. Yet these forests are threatened by fragmentation from incompatible rural development. As a consequence, fisheries, wildlife habitat, jobs and recreational opportunities are all at risk.

The proposal to acquire the Garcia River forest and to establish a balance of preserved lands and sustainable forestry presents an innovative approach to striking a balance among these competing demands on our forests, and to ensure that their many public benefits will be enjoyed for years to come. I encourage the Coastal Conservancy Board to approve this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

  
WESLEY CHESBRO  
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December 3, 2003

Paul Morabito, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I am writing in support of the grant being considered by the Coastal Conservancy to the Conservation Fund for the purchase of approximately 23,780 acres of forestland within the Garcia River watershed.

The proposal to purchase the Garcia River Watershed is a most worthwhile project, deserving of your serious consideration. Demands on this land are overwhelming and the Conservation Fund has the admirable goal of finding balance between those competing demands. The Conservation Fund, in existence since 1985, has been successful in creating public and private partnerships to protect more than 3 million acres of America's outdoor heritage.

These coastal forests are a vital resource for California. The value this land provides, both in its simple, understated beauty as well as providing for fisheries, wildlife, jobs and recreational opportunities makes it worthy of our protection. I trust that in the Conservation Fund's capable hands, the Garcia River watershed will be protected for generations to come.

I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

PATTY BERG  
Assemblymember, 1<sup>st</sup> District

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### OBJECTIVES

1. To resist forest destruction representing the loss of our primeval forests.
2. To cooperate with the California State Park Commission, the National Park Service, and other agencies in establishing Redwood parks and other parks and reservations.
3. To purchase Redwood groves by private subscription.
4. To foster and encourage a better and more general understanding of the value of the primeval Redwood or Sequoia and other forests of America as natural objects of extraordinary interest to present and future generations.
5. To support reforestation and conservation of our forest areas.

December 3, 2003

Mr. Paul Morabito  
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### Coastal Forestlands Project

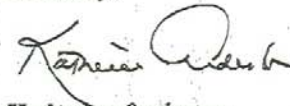
Dear Chairman Morabito,

I am writing to urge your approval of the proposed grant to the Conservation Fund to support the purchase of approximately 23,780 acres of forest land in the Garcia River watershed.

This purchase represents an unusual opportunity to insulate approximately 40% of the Garcia watershed from the fragmentation driven by the ever-intensifying population pressures in this region. This project represents the deepest commitment to a vision of coastal northern California that includes reserve areas dedicated to habitat values on a scale that promises to advance significantly the maintenance of natural forest processes together with sustainably managed forestlands. The anadromous fish populations in the Garcia, are a particularly compelling component of the many public benefits to be realized from the purchase.

As we look at the long term future of California's coastal forests throughout the redwood region, a balance among creative conservation strategies will be essential. This project is a very important part of that future. Thank you very much for your careful consideration and anticipated support for this project.

Sincerely,

  
Katherine Anderton

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J. DAVID COLFAX  
Supervisor  
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Re: Coast Forestlands Project

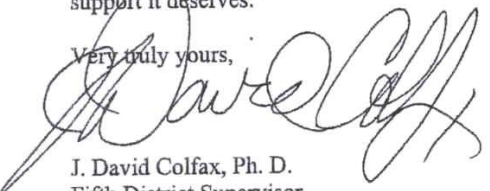
Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing to express my support for a grant to the Conservation Fund to acquire nearly 24,000 acres of forestland within the Garcia River watershed.

The coastal forests of Mendocino County are an extraordinary resource for Mendocino County and all of California. Their natural grandeur, biological richness, and economic significance cannot be overstated. Yet these forest are threatened by fragmentation because of incompatible rural development that puts fisheries, wildlife habitat, jobs, and recreational opportunities at risk.

The proposal to acquire the Garcia River forest and to establish a balance of preserved lands and sustainable forestry represents an innovative approach that will balance these competing demands on our forests and ensure that their many public benefits will be enjoyed for years to come. I know that the Coastal Conservancy Board will give this project serious consideration and would hope that it receives the support it deserves.

Very truly yours,

  
J. David Colfax, Ph. D.  
Fifth District Supervisor